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WIC TO REOPEN CLINICS IN SPRINGFIELD AND SOUTHPORT

Locations damaged or no longer available after Hurricane Michael plan to reopen one-year later

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Panama City, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health in Bay County (DOH-Bay) is reopening sites in Springfield and Southport. The Southport clinic location was damaged by Hurricane Michael. The Springfield location was changed to be used for the Springfield City Hall due to the City Hall building being destroyed by Hurricane Michael.

“We are so excited to be able to bring these clinics back to our communities as the anniversary of Hurricane Michael approaches”, said Sandon S. Speedling, MHS, CPM, Administrator/Health Officer for DOH-Bay. “We are especially thrilled to be co-locating with our dental program in Springfield. We know it is important to meet people where they are with the services they need.”

The Springfield clinic will now be co-located with the DOH-Bay’s Children’s Dentistry clinic. The address is 3518 E 15th Street, Panama City. The first clinic in the new location will be on the anniversary of Hurricane Michael, October 10. The Springfield WIC clinic will be opened on the second Thursday and fourth Monday of each month.

The Southport clinic will return to its previous location at the Dove Church located at 7308 FL-77. The first clinic there will be on October 22. The Southport location will be opened on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Schedules may vary at both sites depending on holidays. Clients previously served at those locations have been receiving nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and supplemental nutrition benefits at our main site, 597 W 11th Street, Panama City.

WIC services are for pregnant women, breastfeeding moms, and children up to age 5. Eligibility is based on income. For more information on WIC, please contact DOH-Bay’s office at 850-872-4666. For breastfeeding help, call the Breastfeeding Hotline at 850-747-5775.

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